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Dear Harold,

I'm glad to hear that you might be able to find financial support for your continuing efforts to get and study documents on the JFK assassination. As you know from the affidavit I submitted when you were pursuing the question of a fee waiver, I have found your work very helpful in my own research efforts.

As far as I know, you are the only researcher who is systematically studying the FBI files already released, especially the field office files. You are certainly my best and most regular source for documents from these files, which I have not had the time to work on myself. It was a real pleasure getting to spend a couple of days with the files in your basement in May; it is certainly much more convenient for researchers to visit you than to read microfilm or arrange with the FBI to examine files in their reading room.

I would hope that the FBI might realize that it is to their benefit for you to have copies of the released files, since that should substantially reduce the number of FOIA requests they get, from other critics, for individual items. It's quicker and easier for critics to find material in your files.

As you know, I feel that there is almost certainly material in these files which is of considerable historical interest, beyond what we have already found. A book-length annotated compilation of the "three-star" items would, I think, be a valuable contribution to public knowledge of the nature of the investigation of the Kennedy assassination, and of the nature of the internal workings of the FBI.

Sincerely,



Paul L. Hoch